

(1) "A shower head with water purification function according to claim 1 of the present invention is ..." described in the specification, page 2, line 9 to page 2, line 23, is amended as:

"a shower head with water purification function according to claim 1 of the present invention is a shower head comprising a holding part formed so as to have a connection terminal with other parts and be held directly by hand, and a head part having a shower delivery port integrally formed at the tip of the holding part, wherein in the holding part, a water quality purification cartridge is incorporated, and by the incorporation of the water quality purification cartridge, a water purification flow path penetrating the water quality purification cartridge, and a raw water flow path which does not penetrate the water quality purification cartridge are formed, with the water purification flow path and the raw water flow path being respectively communicated with the head part; in the head part, a flow path switching valve which switches between the water purification flow path and the raw water flow path is incorporated, the shower delivery port and a straight delivery port arranged at a place where the shower delivery port is formed are provided side by side on the downstream side of this flow path switching valve, and a delivery flow switching valve which switches between a delivery flow from the straight delivery port and a delivery flow from the shower delivery port is incorporated between the flow path switching valve and the respective delivery ports; and the flow path switching valve and the delivery flow switching valve are formed controllably from the outside of the head part independently of each other."

(2) "By the shower head with water purification function according to claim 1, ... the shower head can be formed in a shape and structure that can be easily handled."

described in the specification, page 2, line 24 to page 3, line 6, is amended as:

"By the shower head with water purification function according to claim 1, since the water quality purification cartridge is housed in the holding part, and the flow path

switching valve for switching the delivery flow between the purified water and the raw water is housed in the head part, the restriction on the flow path switching valve for switching the water quality can be extended to the range that can be incorporated in the head part. Thereby, the restriction on the size of the flow path switching valve can be considerably eased compared to the related art. Since the operation of the flow path switching valve becomes possible by only the head part side, the operability is improved. Moreover, the weight distribution between the head part and the holding part can be made well-balanced in view of handling of the shower head, and as a result, the shower head can be formed in a shape and structure that can be easily handled.

Moreover, in the holding part, the flow path configuration is such that the raw water flow path and the purified water flow path are formed only when the water quality purification cartridge is housed in the holding part. Therefore, the structure of the holding part is simplified. In the case where the flow path switching valve is arranged on the downstream side of the water quality purification cartridge, either one of the raw water flow path and the purified water flow path on the downstream side of the water quality purification cartridge is opened by the flow path switching valve. At the time of delivery of raw water, the raw water flow path is opened, thereby the raw water side flow path located on the upstream side of the purification material can be flushed by the raw water.

Furthermore, since the flow path switching valve and the delivery flow switching valve are formed independently operationally from the outside of the head part, the straight delivery and the shower delivery can be selected respectively with regard to the raw water delivery and the purified water delivery, thereby improving the convenience."

(3) "By the shower head with water purification function according to claim 14, ..., thereby the water quality can be purified more effectively." described in the

specification, page 7, line 23 to page 7, line 27, is amended as:

"By the shower head with water purification function according to claim 14, while water quality purification is performed by means of the synergistic effect of the germicidal ceramic and the sintered magnetic body in the head part, various germs are prevented from entering from the delivery port side, thereby the water quality can be purified more effectively. Propagation of various germs entering from the delivery port side is also suppressed, to thereby make it unnecessary to discard water at the initial stage of use."

(4) After "a raw water flow path which does not penetrate said water quality purification cartridge are formed", described in the Claims (page 44), Claim 1, line 8. "with said water purification flow path and said raw water flow path being respectively communicated with said head part" is to be inserted, and

"a straight delivery port is also provided at a place where said shower delivery port is formed, and a delivery flow switching valve which switches between a delivery flow from said straight delivery port and a delivery flow from said shower delivery port is incorporated" in page 44, Claim 1, line 10 to page 44, Claim 1, line 14, is amended as:

"said shower delivery port and a straight delivery port arranged at a place where said shower delivery port is formed are provided side by side on the downstream side of this flow path switching valve, and a delivery flow switching valve which switches between a delivery flow from said straight delivery port and a delivery flow from said shower delivery port is incorporated between said flow path switching valve and said respective delivery ports".

7. Lists of attached documents

- (1) Specification page 2, page 3, 3-cont. and page 7, 7-cont.
- (2) Claims page 44 and 44-cont.